

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

~~[0019] FIG. 8 is an enlarged schematical cross sectional view illustration of independently variable vane hub and tip sections 85 and 84 illustrated in FIG. 1.~~

[0030] Another embodiment of the independently variable vane hub and tip sections 85 and 84 includes pivotable trailing-edge hub and tip flaps 86 and 88 of the independently variable vane hub and tip sections 85 and 84 as illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 8. The first and second varying means 91 and 92 can include independently pivoting flaps. Alternative varying means for non-pivotable, fan stator vane designs include axially moving unison rings and those means known for mechanical clearance control in jet engines (i.e., mechanically moving circumferentially surrounding shroud segments radially towards and away from a row of rotor blade tips to maintain a constant clearance despite different rates of thermal expansion and contraction). Additional such varying means for non-pivotable, fan stator vane designs include those known for extending and retracting wing flaps on airplanes and the like.

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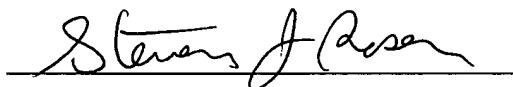
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The Amendment is being submitted to correct typographical errors by the Applicants' Attorney. No new matter has been added.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-49 are now in condition for Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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